

WHO-OECD hosted dialogue on migration and other health workforce issues in a global economy

Geneva, 20-21 October 2008

International Labour Organization, Salle II, floor R3

AGENDA

Monday, 20 October 2008

- 08:00 Registration of participants
- 09:00 **Joint WHO-OECD welcome:** introduced by Peter Scherer and Manuel M. Dayrit
Carissa F. Etienne, Assistant Director-General, Cluster of Health Systems and Services, WHO
Aart De Geus, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- 09:20 **Welcome by hosting country**
Thomas Zeltner, Director, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health
- 09:30 **Address by the keynote speaker**
Andrzej J. Rys, Director for Public Health, DG SANCO, European Commission
- 09:45 **Session I - Health workforce and international migration: where do we stand, what do we know?**
Co-chairs: Carissa F. Etienne and Aart De Geus

"Human resources for health development and the renewal of primary health care"
Manuel M. Dayrit, Director, Department of Human Resources for Health, Cluster of Health Systems and Services, WHO

Joint WHO-OECD project *"Health workforce and international migration"*
Peter Scherer, Head, Health Division, Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

General discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Session II - Health workforce and international migration: country experiences**

Key findings from a series of OECD and WHO commissioned case studies covering: Canada, France, Italy, Madagascar, Mali, New Zealand, Niger, the Philippines, Senegal, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

Moderator: Gilles Dussault, Professor, Institute of Medical Hygiene, Portugal

Theme 1: Domestic training and international recruitment
Presentation: Jean Christophe Dumont, Principal Administrator, Migration Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Panel: IOM, Judith Oulton, Health policy specialist, Switzerland and two country representatives
- 12:30 Lunch break

- 14:00 **Session II** (continued)
- Theme 2: Retention, focus on rural areas**
Presentation: Pascal Zurn, Health Economist, Department of Human Resources for Health, Cluster of Health Systems and Services, WHO
Panel: Santé Sud, Capacity Project/LSTH and two country representatives
- 15:15 **Coffee break**
- 15:45 **Session II** (continued)
- Theme 3: “Managing” the health workforce**
Presentation by Laurence Codjia, Consultant Human Resources for Health, Senegal
Panel: TUAC, ILO and two country representatives
- 17:00 **Day one closing remarks**
Rapporteur: James Buchan, Professor, Queen Margaret University, Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care, Edinburgh, Scotland
- General discussion**
- 17:30 **Reception** (finishes at 18:45)

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

- 09:15 **Session III - Retaining the health workforce: challenges for low income countries**
Financing the employment of health professionals who have opportunities abroad. Possible development of assistance strategies
- Moderator:** Eric De Roodenbeke, Director General, International Hospital Federation, France
Presentations: OECD, WHO, WB, DFID
Round table: Global Fund, country representatives
- a) OECD introductory paper, Peter Scherer, Head of Health Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
 - b) WHO introductory paper, Tessa Tan Torres, Coordinator, Department of Health Systems Financing, Cluster of Health Systems and Services, WHO
 - c) World Bank invited paper, Marko Vujicic, Economist, Health, Nutrition and Population Unit, Human Development Network, World Bank
 - d) DFID case study on development assistance for HRH in Malawi, Matt Gordon, Health and HIV/AIDS Adviser, DFID Malawi
- 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 **Session IV Policy options**
How can capacity building and training policies in both developing and developed countries be best structured to address global health workforce needs?
- Moderators:** Manuel M. Dayrit and Peter Scherer
Round table: GHWA, Realizing Rights and two country representatives
- 12:45 **The way forward and closing remarks**
Rapporteur: James Buchan, Professor, Queen Margaret University, Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care, Edinburgh, Scotland
- OECD:** Peter Scherer, Head, Health Division, Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
- WHO:** Manuel M. Dayrit, Director, Department of Human Resources for Health, Cluster of Health Systems and Services, WHO
- 13:00 **Closure of the meeting**